

Birdsboro Pipeline Project Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Birdsboro Pipeline Project?

- The Birdsboro Pipeline Project is an approximately 14-mile natural gas pipeline in Berks County, Pennsylvania that will be the sole source of natural gas fuel for the proposed Birdsboro Power Plant being developed by Ember Clear and backed by private equity firm Ares Management.

Who is building the Birdsboro Pipeline?

- DTE Midstream Appalachia, a wholly owned subsidiary of DTE Energy is developing the Birdsboro Pipeline Project.
- An entity unaffiliated with DTE, Birdsboro Power, LLC is developing the Birdsboro Power Plant.

What is the expected project timeline?

- In October 2016, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) pre-filing was initiated and public outreach began.
- On May 1, 2017, DTE submitted its application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to FERC (FERC Docket Number CP17-409-000).
- FERC issued a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review on October 5, 2017.
- On March 15, 2018 FERC issued a certificate of public convenience.
- Construction began on March 29, 2018.
- DTE expects to place the project in-service in the fourth quarter of 2018.

What is the scope of the project you are proposing?

- The proposed 14-mile natural gas pipeline will serve a new electric power plant in Birdsboro, Pennsylvania.
- The proposed pipeline would connect with the Texas Eastern Pipeline and have a delivery capacity of 79,000 dekatherms (Dth) per day.
- The project will use 12-inch diameter pipeline.

Why build this pipeline now?

- Natural gas is an integral part of North America's changing energy mix, and the Birdsboro project will help support that trend. Here, DTE is proposing to add natural gas pipeline infrastructure to meet the needs the Birdsboro Facility and thereby support demand for natural gas supply in the region.
- The Birdsboro project will provide firm transportation service to a new natural gas-fired generating facility to provide significant electric capacity in a region where a number of coal-fired facilities either have retired or are expected to retire in the near future.
- Natural gas is the cleanest fossil fuel and in abundance in this part of the country.

What's the estimated cost of the project?

- The estimated capital cost of the project is \$47 million.

For Further Information

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